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SUCCESSES AGAINST REBELS IN PAKTIA REPORTED

LD231516 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 23 Nov 81

[Text] The courageous officers and men of our heroic armed forces and sarandoy [Soviet-trained militia] recently eliminated gangs of counterrevolutionaries in Paktia Province who, resorting to terror and intimidation, disrupted the peaceful life of the people of areas between Jaji District and Mirzaka of that province. Assorted weapons have been seized from these murderers.

A spokesman for the security forces in Paktia Province said that 16 heavy and light machine-guns, 3,000 bullets, 6 pieces of ammunition for a 76-mm artillery gun, 43 mortars, 1 rocket launcher, 4 antitank mines, 3 antipersonnel mines and 1 wireless communication set were seized in Jaji District. In Mirzaka District, 17 pieces of various weapons and 3 antitank mines were seized by the security authorities.

Another report from Badakhshan Province says that a gang of robbers and murderers was eliminated by the security force with the help of the sincere and revolutionary cooperation in Jorm District of the province.

Some 17 heavy and light machineguns, 4,500 bullets, 21 antitank mines, 1 pair of binoculars, 1 camera and a vehicle were seized from these murderers.

REBELS 'CRUSHED' IN QONDUZ, BAMIAN PROVINCES

LD301804 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 30 Nov 81

[Text] As a result of a heroic attack by the security forces of the sarandoy command and the revolution guards in Qonduz Province against a nest of counterrevolutionary mercenaries in areas of Qonduz Province, Arab Hayder, who led counterrevolutionary activities in Qonduz Province with two other counterrevolutionary ringleaders, by the names of Yosuf and Shah Wali, were crushed with 18 other persons on 19 November. A great quantity of weapons, including missile launchers and American and Chinese machineguns, were seized from them.

In another operation carried out by party activists and the heroic men of the sarandoy command of Qonduz Province in the village of Khanabad, Mo'alem 'Abdol Wahab, who called himself the chief of one of the counterrevolutionary bands, was punished with a colleague, by the name of Zabet Mehrab, and two other murderers, for their shameful actions. The security authorities seized their weapons.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports from Bamian Province that, following the discovery of secret cells of counterrevolutionary elements in [name indistinct] village, a rebel leader by the name of Mir 'Alam, son of Mohammad Hoseyn, was captured with a medium-range missile launcher. Several other rebels were captured with incriminating documents and weapons. 'Ali Ahmad, son of Nawroz, was killed and his [words indistinct] weapons were seized.

BRIEFS

GDR GOODS TO KABUL -- Kabul, 25 Nov (BAKHTAR) -- A plane-load of goods gifted by the GDR solidarity organization to the Peace, Solidarity and Friendship Organization [PFSO] of the DRA arrived here today. The documents for this nine tons gift, including childrens clothes, clothing material and stationery was handed over by the head of the GDR delegation at the tenth session of the Presidium of AAPSO in Kabul to the responsible secretary of PSFO of the DRA in Kabul airport. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0433 GMT 26 Nov 81 LD]

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GANDHI, VENKATARAMAN ON CRITICISM ON IMF LOAN

BK021311 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 2 Dec 81

[Text] The prime minister has said India will not accept aid or assistance from any external agency which dictates terms not in consonance with policies declared and accepted by Parliament.

In a brief intermission during a special discussion on the IMF loan in the Lok Sabha today, Mrs Gandhi refuted opposition criticism saying it is inconceivable that they will accept any such terms. She made it clear that the IMF loan provides us with only a line of credit and does not force us to borrow.

Earlier, moving the motion for discussion Finance Minister R. Venkataraman strongly refuted the opposition criticism that the government has surrendered the country's economic rights while securing the IMF loan of over 50 billion rupees. He asserted that the government had told the IMF authorities that it will consult them on economic policies but adopt only those approved by Parliament.

Venkataraman sought to remove some of the misconceptions regarding the loan. He said India has agreed to two important suggestions by the IMF. One of them is that the net credit of the government now standing at over 258 billion rupees should not exceed 300 billion by the 26th of March next year. The finance minister pointed out that this hardly amounts to a condition.

About the second condition on limited borrowing from outside markets, Venkataraman said that it does not apply to the loans from the International Development Agency and credits for more than 12-year term. This condition, he added, will also not affect bilateral payment arrangements with socialist countries.

Venkataraman also dismissed as baseless the charge that India has agreed for the devaluation of the rupee.

PRESIDENT REDDY DEPARTS FOR INDONESIA, NEPAL

BK030359 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 3 Dec 81

[Excerpt] President Sanjiva Reddy left New Delhi today on an 8-day state visit to Indonesia and Nepal. He was seen off at the airport amongst others by Vice President Hidayatullah, Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi and her Cabinet colleagues and the three service chiefs. Charge d'affaires of Indonesia and the ambassador of Nepal were also present. The president is accompanied by his wife and Minister of Health and Family Welfare B. Shankaranand.

70 PERCENT OF BANGLADESH REFUGEES REPATRIATED

BK021029 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1000 GMT 2 Dec 81

[Text] Seventy percent of the nearly 17,300 refugees who had crossed over to Tripura from adjoining Bangladesh have gone back to their home.

Chief Minister Nripen Chakraborty told newsmen in Agartala today that none of the refugees were forced to leave their camps and each one of them had been given 10-days ration.

The Border Security Force apprehended over 2,300 people trying to cross the border without valid documents during this year. They included 1,178 people from Bangladesh and 109 from Pakistan.

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PAKISTANI 'ALLEGATIONS' OF ATTACKS DENIED

LD031653 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 3 Dec 81

[Text] International imperialism, hegemonism and the authorities of the Pakistani military government, in their series of ever-fictitious allegations, have yesterday once again spread such rumours that two DRA Armed Forces helicopters fired on a Pakistani bus at a region in Baluchistan as a result of which several people were killed or injured. The Pakistan militarist authorities have said also that these helicopters fired on a Pakistani border post too.

A spokesman for the DRA Ministry of National Defense, in reply to a question by the BAKHTAR correspondent in this regard, resolutely and categorically denied these hollow and completely slanderous accusations, adding that this is not the first time that imperialism, hegemonism and the Pakistani authorities are making such slanderous and baseless allegations against the DRA.

The Government of Pakistan has also previously accused the DRA of border violations. Of course, the previous allegations were refuted at the time.

The spokesman said that Pakistan makes such allegations against the DRA to divert world public opinion, in particular to divert the opinion of the fraternal Pakistani people from the internal events in that country and, at a time when the Pakistan underground is considering other political intrigues.

As is known to our dear compatriots, these allegations are made against the DRA at such a time when Saudi Defense Minister Prince Sultan ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz is currently visiting Pakistan and having talks with Gen Ziaul Haq and Pakistani Defense Minister 'Al Ahmad Talpur. The aim of this visit is to provide more than $1 billion, the cost of the first batch of U.S. F-16 fighters to Islamabad.

Another reason, that we have several times previously pointed out, is that the Pakistani authorities do not want to give a positive reply to the DRA's peaceful and beneficial proposals and they thus confuse the public opinion of the fraternal Pakistani people by these slanderous and deceptive accusations.

The DRA Government, while continuing its efforts to find a peaceful solution to the situations surrounding Afghanistan, will resort to every possible means in order to eliminate every aggression on its soil from abroad.

While we refute resolutely these baseless and slanderous allegations once again, we declare clearly that the DRA has never had the intention of encroaching on the soil of another and is itself a peace-loving country; it wants to have friendly relations with all countries, in particular with its neighbors.

UK PAPER ON BROADCASTS TO SOVIET TROOPS

PM031337 London THE DAILY TELEGRAPH in English 3 Dec 81 p 4

[John Miller report: "Guerrilla Radio for Kabul"]

[Text] Soviet troops in Afghanistan are beginning to hear on their personal and military radios that they are committing aggression and fighting a war they cannot win.

A new anti-communist group, the Radio Free Kabul Committee, said yesterday that three light-weight portable radio transmitters were already in use, operated by guerrillas and broadcasting in Russian and local dialects.

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AFP: SOVIET TROOPS LAUNCH ATTACK ON QANDAHAR

BK051731 Hong Kong AFP in English 1723 GMT 5 Dec 81

[Text] Quetta, Pakistan, 5 Dec (AFP) -- Soviet troops have launched a three-pronged attack on Qandahar, using long-range cannons and gunship helicopters to flush out Moslem revels holding the second biggest Afghan city since September, travellers arriving in this border city said today. Major parts of the city, including the main bazaar and city streets, were under the rebels' control but Qandahar airport, where a Soviet air base is located, is being used as a launching pad against the guerrillas, the sources said.

Residents reported "unprecedented casualties" in the "very intensive" Soviet-Afghan air and land attacks. According to travellers, shops were closed for two days early this month in protest against the high civilian casualty rate in three adjoining villages -- (Karz), (Zakar Shareef) and (Kolchabad) -- all located in the proximity of the main airport, where Soviet tanks are stationed.

The Soviet offensive began on Nov 26 and continued till Dec 2, Afghan sources said.

However, 95 percent of the 230,000 residents in the city were fully backing the mujahedeen, the travellers said. Since the rebels' takeover of the city, several joint Soviet-Afghan attempts to recapture it reportedly failed but this time the Soviets were using a changed strategy, travellers said.

Using 22-mm cannons and with MI-24 gunship helicopters support, they surrounded the three suburban villages and heavily shelled the area. In (Zakar Shareet) alone the Soviet shelling, starting at 0900, continued till 2000, travellers said, adding that another eastern sector town, (Deh Khawaja), was a "living monument of the enemy's atrocities." The entire shopping centre had been destroyed and no house was left there without cracks, they said.

The sources, quoting residents, said before the attack the Soviet-Afghan soldiers carried out a manhunt and took away 21 males of the town to be ultimately "slaughtered in a farm." "Nobody knows their crime. Most of them were clergymen from the town's religious school," travellers said. (Deh Khawaja) is a sacred place in Afghanistan where the shrine of the Moslem saint, (Khawaja Najumuddin), is situated. The religious school, Najm al-Madaris, in the area is names after this saint.

Travellers said the Kabul-Qandahar highway was already blocked and last month the Soviets, prior to the attack, mined the other communication links. The night watch and security search has been intensified while day-time ambushes continued till three days back, the sources said. The long distance shelling continued at night time on residential quarters to terrorise citizens who watch the scene from rooftops, they said.

A couple of Afghan tanks were able to guard only a few vital places in the garrison town of Qandahar and the rebel Afghans, though shaky due to the new strategy, have still "not abandoned their control" and the majority of the population was obeying them, they said.

SOVIETS REPORTEDLY CAPTURE, KILL 145 AFGHANS

GF041908 Karachi MASHRIQ in Urdu 2 Dec 81 p 1

[Text] Peshawar, 1 Dec (APP) -- Soviet troops have attacked (Bada), 8 km from Jalalabad, and captured and shot 145 persons. Reports indicate that on 26 November Soviet troops attacked and cordoned off (Bada). They then captured 145 persons between the ages of 35 and 65, lined them up in a nearby open space and opened fire on them. All the persons died instantly. According to mujahidin sources, there were only two survivors [as published], who were badly wounded. (Bada) is a busy place and is known for the famous religious school Najm al-Madaris, which is now closed.

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ERSHAD MAKES STATEMENT ON MILITARY'S ROLE

BK041352 Dacca THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English 29 Nov 81 pp 1, 12; 30 Nov 81 p 3

["Text" of Bangladesh Chief of Army Staff Gen H.M. Ershad's "statement on the role of the military in Bangladesh" delivered to the editors of national dailies and news agencies in Dacca on 27 November]

[Text] My attention has been drawn towards my talks with a few journalists some time ago in which I talked on the role of the military. It is evident from various press reportings and comments that the question of the role of the military in our society is being discussed widely as a national issue. But the matter has not yet been dealt with in depth and in clear terms. Actually there hasn't been a scope as yet. As such, the correct national perspective is often lost sight of during such discussions. At times it verges on a narrow partisan outlook; at times it amounts to villifying and undermining a vital national institution; and at times, unintentionally though, rumours and misgivings are generated which only serve anti-national and anti-people purposes.

This is unfortunate, definitely harmful and against national interests. I sincerely believe that this is due to a communicational gap and lack of necessary details. Communications with the national press and furnishing of some details will help remove misunderstanding on such a vital matter.

For example, questions have been raised as to what the CAS [chief of the army staff] means by the role of the military in our democratic country. This is a valid point which needs to be answered.

Some people, having no understanding of military affairs and the gravity of our problems, have on their own given some self-made explanations denouncing our patriotic armed forces. They are saying that we are preventing the democratic process, that we want to share power with the government, that the armed forces have become ambitious and many such allegations are being circulated. All these are likely to subvert the excellent relationship between the people and the armed forces. Having successfully upheld the democratic process, having set the glorious democratic tradition and immediately after the successful elections, unnecessary concern is being created amongst the people, concern to the extent that there may be a confrontation between the president and the military. This is totally baseless. I have high regard for the honorable president. Have we not always strengthened democracy and the institution of the president? Inshallah [God willing], we will continue to do so in the future also.

I am a soldier and not a politician. By now, I have proved that I want to remain a soldier. I have no personal ambition. What I am doing by raising the question of the role of the military is that I am doing some straight talk about a very grave and deep-seated politicomilitary problem. I hope that our politicians sincerely try to comprehend the grave nature and the vast dimension of this problem in our body politic and military. It is not a question of sharing power; it is not a question of my being given a Cabinet post or rank; it is not a question of our generals and brigadiers getting benefits of rank of status; it is not a question of our officers and men exercising power over their civilian counterparts. No, not at all. These are trifle matters of modalities and making suitable organizational structures to help the execution of national policy decisions. If the government deems it necessary, in the public interest, they might as well do it.

What is important is the fundamental concept of recognizing the politicomilitary problems and finding permanent solutions in a constitutional approach. Our rank and file do not want military adventurism in politics nor do they want political adventurism in the military. They only want to be with the people helping build democracy, helping build effective checks and balances against any future coup attempts. I will further elaborate this point later.

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LD092150 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 9 Dec 81

[Message from Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council, on the 33d anniversary of the International Declaration of Human Rights -- read by announcer]

[Text] At a time when the 33d anniversary of the International Declaration of Human Rights if being celebrated throughout the world, I have the pleasure to express once again the profound and all-round support of the people and the DRA Government for the principles contained in this international declaration to all progressive and humane forces. The annual celebration of this declaration is itself indicative of the value of this international declaration and gives grounds to maintain the position of countries and various forces of the world in the light of the International Declaration of Human Rights toward the implementation of the lofty aims of this declaration. [sentence as heard]

The International Declaration of Human Rights, which was ratified on 10 December 1947, was drafted and approved as a result of the consistent and all-round efforts of peace-loving and progressive forces of the world which fought against Hitlerite fascism. The ratification of this declaration obligated international society to support human rights and human dignity; it declares against the masses being deprived of these benefits.

Finally, it must be regretfully stated that, despite the fact that 33 years have elapsed since the ratification of the International Declaration of Human Rights, serious and blatant violations of the proper rights of the peoples and nations of the world are still occurring as a result of the activities of antipeace and imperialist forces. Some Western countries did not even approve this important international document. Reactionary states, pursuing the policy of apartheid, racism, colonialism, neo-Zionist colonialism and dictatorship allow unlimited cruelty and oppression against the innumerable masses of the noble people of Africa, Asia and Latin America. Capitalist states have put great masses of workers, partisans and peasants in the chains of interests of ruling circles and the major capitalist monopolies and subject them to exploitation.

It can be firmly stated that the glorious Sawr Revolution, particularly its new development stage, which is the guarantor of positive change toward social, economic and political progress in our beloved country, the DRA, has put an end to oppression, injustice and violation of human rights in the country. At this stage the homeland has liberated from the bloodthirsty and deviant elements of the fascist Amin band. The government, with sincerity and revolutionary truth to its people, has observed the lofty human values and has made them the guidelines of its work. The Basic Principles of the DRA, with complete clarity, declare complete support for the principles of the International Declaration of Human Rights and obligate the government to act seriously in the implementation of these principles. Our dear country, Afghanistan, since the formation of the United Nations, as a sincere and loyal member has abided by the principles of the UN Charter and, since the glorious Sawr Revolution, particularly its new development stage, when power was transferred from the oppressor and exploiter classes to the country's millions-strong masses and to the epoch-making party of the working class and all toilers, the PDPA, on behalf of our nation, has respected and upheld rights and human dignity more than ever. The revolutions which were approved at the joint session of the DRA Revolutionary Council and the Presidium on (?25) November 1980 prove that the government observes the principles of the International Declaration of Human Rights.

While expressing our solidarity with the oppressed people of Palestine, Namibia, El Salvador and many other peoples who are deprived of their human rights under oppressive and brutal governments, we once again declare our loyalty to the International Declaration of Human Rights and reiterate our readiness to further implement of the principles of this international declaration in our heroic country, revolutionary Afghanistan.

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KARMAL-LED DELEGATION DEPARTS FOR BULGARIA

LD151552 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 15 Dec 81

[Excerpts] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council, who is on his way to an official and friendly visit to the People's Republic of Bulgaria, today stopped for a short time at the Uzbek SSR capital, Tashkent.

Babrak Karmal and his entourage were warmly welcomed by the chairman of the Uzbek SSR Council of Ministers, party and government officials and representatives of the workers of Tashkent. Tashkent airport was decorated with the national flags of the USSR, Afghanistan and the Uzbek SSR in honor of the arrival of Babrak Karmal and his entourage. Babrak Karmal left Tashkent after a short stop.

Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council, heading a high-ranking DRA party and government delegation, left this morning for Sofia for a friendly and official visit at the invitation of Todor Zhivkov, general secretary of the Bulgarian Communist Party Central Committee and chairman of the State Council of the People's Republic of Bulgaria.

Karmal is being accompanied on this trip by Mahmud Barialay, candidate member of the party Politburo; Niaz Mohammad Mohmand, secretary of the Central Committee; Vice Chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium Maj Gen 'Abdol Qader; Minister of Foreign Affairs Shah Mohammad Dost; Emtiaz Hasan, DRA ambassador in Sofia; Mir Saheb Karwal, member of the Central Committee; secretary of the Central Committee Presidium Mohammad Farzam; Sakhi Daneshjo, general director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; member of the Central Committee International Relations Commission Asad Keshtmand; Rahim Raf'at; Colonel A'aziz Asad and Colonel Khatab; Sarawar Mohmand; staff of the party International Relations Department; Deputy Director of the Foreign Ministry Protocol Department Sarwar Damani; and Deputy Director of the Publicity and Information Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Enayat Madani.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports that in honor of the official and friendly visit by Babrak Karmal to the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the airport and its terminal was decorated with national and party banners. Slogans were exhibited in connection with the fraternal and friendship solidarity between the two countries. The slogans included the following:

"Let fraternal friendship between the people of Afghanistan and Bulgaria be strong" and "Comrade Babrak Karmal have a good trip!"

A press delegation including the BAKHTAR agency, Radio Afghanistan, television and Afghan film is accompanying Babrak Karmal on this trip.

KARMAL RECEIVES REPLY MESSAGE FROM 'ARAFAT

GF151919 Kabul in Urdu to South Asia 1330 GMT 15 Dec 81

[Text] The reply to the message sent by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council, on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People to Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir 'Arafat has been received in Kabul.

In the answer it has been said that the restoration of the legal rights of the Palestinian people, their return to their ancestral land and the establishment of an autonomous state is taking place in conditions wherein U.S. imperialism and Zionism have initiated a new aggression in Palestine and southern Lebanon.

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KARMAL DECREE GRANTING AWARD TO BREZHNEV

LD170754 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0511 GMT 17 Dec 81

[Text] Kabul, 16 Dec (BAKHTAR) -- Following is the text of the decree of the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council of DRA on the grant of the highest award of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, the Order of the Sun of Independence, to Comrade Leonid Brezhnev, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

"The firm and long-standing friendship between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union, which has emerged victorious from the crucible of the test of time, entered a qualitatively new and higher stage of its development after the victory of the April Revolution of 1357 (1978).

Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev has had a great and exceptional part in the consolidation and deep and allround development of firm and unshakeable friendship, fruitful cooperation, disinterested and fraternal mutual help and full mutual understanding between the Peoples Democratic Party of Afghanistan and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, between the Governments of Afghanistan and the Soviet Union and between the peoples of Afghanistan and the Soviet Union, and has always made and will make personal contribution to this cause.

Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev is recognized in the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and all its farther corners as a great, sincere and reliable friend of the people of Afghanistan, a distinguished party and state figure, a real patriot and loyal internationalist, a true continuator of the great historical cause, the foundation of which was laid by Lenin, as an indefatiguable fighter for peace, freedom throughout the world, a prominent theoretician and forceful author and as a person whose untiring activities have played effective role in the consolidation and development of international communist and workers movement and all progressive, democratic and anti-imperialist force.

The highest award of the DRA, the Order of the Sun of Independence, is being granted to Comrade Leonid Brezhnev, general secretary of the Central Committee of CPSU, president of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR in recognition of his distinguished services for the all-round and deep development of fraternal friendship and relations of good neighbourliness between the peoples of Afghanistan and the Soviet Union, in the consolidation of cooperation, mutual understanding and unity of action between the DRA and the USSR, between the PDPA and CPSU in the provision of broad, all-round, disinterested aid to the DRA, for social justice and peace all over the world, for his outstanding contribution to the theory and practice of the national liberation movement and the world communist and workers movement as also on the occasion of his 75th birth anniversary.

Babrak Karmal, president of the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, Kabul, Dec. 9, 1981.

BRIEFS

NEW RADIO STUDIO--Kabul, 12 Dec (BAKHTAR) -- A modern, well-equipped studio complex was inaugurated in Radio Afghanistan today. The construction of this studio cost about 40 million afghanis. It comprises studios of record, copying and editing. Over 50 artists can use this studio at a time for recording mustic and collective programmes of art and culture. Radio Afghanistan has a 27-hour daily programme in 12 national, local and foreign languages. With the set-up of this new well-equipped studio complex, the number of programmes will be increased. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0508 GMT 13 Dec 81 LD).

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AU151528 Sofia RABOTNICHESKO DELO in Bulgarian 14 Dec 81 p 1, 7

[Interview given to Petur Bochukov, RABOTNICHESKO DELO correspondent, by Afghan President Babrak Karmal in Kabul: "The Revolution Is a Victorious March" -- date not given]

[Text] On the eve of his forthcoming visit to Bulgaria, Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA] Central Committee and head of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA] Revolutionary Council, received Petur Bochukov, RABOTNICHESKO DELO special correspondent, in Kabul and gave him the following interview:

Question: Comrade Babrak, our people are following with deep attention and solidarity the revolutionary process in the DRA. Would you please tell us what are the present characteristic points in the just struggle of the Afghan people against foreign interference and reaction, as well as for building an independent and democratic Afghanistan?

Answer: The present moment in the development of our society is reflected in the deep analysis carried out in the theses of the PDPA Central Committee on the occasion of the second anniversary of the April Revolution. The theses clearly emphasize the people's-democratic nature of our revolution. Now, when the process of consolidating the patriotic forces continues to its next stage, special attention is devoted to national traditions and customs. The process of economic stabilization and of bringing agrarian reform to an end are also continuing. We have to notice, however, that the basic problem we are facing now is to explain the aggression of imperialism, hegemonism and local reaction. After the new stage of the Afghan revolution, they united their efforts in order to halt our development. Our experience has recently shown that the terrorist activities of the mercenaries, accompanied by an intensified propaganda campaign against our country, are aimed against the measures of our party and our revolutionary power in the economic sphere. Enterprises and cultural establishments are subject to diversions and attacks by gangsters sent from abroad. They are burning down houses and crops, destroying schools and hospitals and also disabling and murdering innocent people. These actions of the mercenaries reflect the goals of the United States -- to destroy the revolution in Afghanistan.

In this complicated and difficult situation, the Afghan people are uniting their strength and under the leadership of our militant party they are managing to cope with the pending threat. Today we can say that the main counterrevolutionary groups in the country are liquidated, and the enemy has been forced to operate sporadically and in small gangs. This offers us a chance to achieve democratic reforms on a larger scale.

A major revolutionary task of our party and state is to mobilize the people for the defense of our revolutionary achievements. As you know, we inherited a very heavy burden from the criminal regime of Hafizollah Amin, who tried to shake the people's confidence in our revolution. Under the cover of leftwing slogans, he succeeded in achieving some of his dirty intentions. We can point with satisfaction to our having achieved great successes in the past 2 years -- public and mass organizations have been set up and the process of consolidating the people's masses and building the prestige of the PDPA has been stabilized.

Question: Every unprejudiced person who has visited your country can easily be convinced that regardless of the great difficulties caused by the designs of the enemies of the DRA, the revolutionary process continues to develop while the socioeconomic situation in the country is stabilizing itself. How do you appraise the results of setting up the National Fatherland Front [NFF] in the DRA?

Answer: A total of 945 persons -- delegates from all over the country, representatives of the party, public and creative organizations as well as of various tribes and nationalities -- participated in the constituent congress of the NFF on 15 June 1981.

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DETAILS OF 21 DEC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SESSION

LD221014 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 21 Dec 81

[Text] The general session of the DRA Council of Ministers was chaired by Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand this morning in the Council of Ministers headquarters.

The session began with the playing of the DRA national anthem, after which Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, chairman of the Council of Ministers, delivered an opening statement. Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand said: This is the second general session of the DRA Council of Ministers since the enforcement of the law of the DRA Council of Ministers. The session is held, in accordance with a previously drafted plan, at a time when the Seventh Plenum of the PDPA Central Committee -- in the context of the important statement by Babrak Karmal, general secretary and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council -- has once again assessed the policy of the party and of our republican government and approved important documents in the sphere of national policy and a message to the tribes of the country.

The Seventh Plenum of the party Central Committee, proposed by the Central Committee Politburo, anticipated the need to convene a full conference of the PDPA to approve a plan of action for the near future. According to this plan, the practical policy and activity of the party and government toward the construction and consolidation of party organizations, social organizations and the organs of state administration will be organized in a better form, and socioeconomic changes will be implemented in the interest of the broad masses of the people.

Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand added: Another important event at this moment in the political life of our country is the visit of a party-government delegation to the People's Republic of Bulgaria, led by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council. The recent meeting between Babrak Karmal and Comrade L.I. Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the USSR Supreme Soviet, in Moscow and the award of the order of Khorshyd-e Azadi to Comrade Brezhnev on the occasion of the 75th birthday of this outstanding contemporary personality and great friend of the people of Afghanistan, is of extraordinary importance.

After recalling the major tasks facing the government during the winter months, Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand said: We can only succeed in solving important questions and in rendering constructive and fruitful work when the level of activity of the ministries and departments -- particularly the ministers and heads of departments -- and their feelings of responsibility are enhanced. They must not be satisfied with merely implementing ordinary works, but should (?change) the methods and level of their work and display a spirit of search, initiative and renewal. When organizing activities, those principles should be followed which have, in general, arisen from the interests of government ministries and departments and the establishments under their administration and from the interests and policies of the party and government.

Next, the agenda of the session was read by 'Abdolmajid Sarboland, vice chairman of the Council of Ministers. The agenda was put to the vote and was unanimously approved.

In accordance with the agenda, Finance Minister 'Abdol Wakil, [words indistinct] account and work on the budget for 1980-81.

After this, 'Abol Wahab Safi, minister of justice and DRA attorney general presented a detailed and comprehensive report on addendums to laws and regulations and the charters of some government ministries, departments and establishments.

In the second part of the session, the Council of Ministers discussed draft resolutions on (?closing) the account and the work of the budget for 1980-81, and the financial policy of the country. They also discussed each of the addendums to laws and regulations.

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REAGAN STATEMENT ON AFGHANISTAN CONDEMNED

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[Text] A spokesman for the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in reply to a question by the BAKHTAR agency reporter concerning the recent statement by the U.S. President, Reagan, has said:

President Reagan, by making his recent statement, once again became too big for his boots and openly interfered in the internal affairs of our free and independent country, the DRA. In his statement, Reagan allowed himself to shamelessly speak on behalf of the people of Afghanistan and recommend to them the type of government he thought they should have, one of his liking.

This is not the first time that Mr Reagan and his administration have taken the liberty of forcefully speaking and dictating to the people of the world what type of government they should have. This is not the first time that the United States has acted as the caretaker of other nations, saying that they ought to choose their way of life in accordance with the intentions and the liking of those such as Reagan and choose the type of government according to the model which the United States dictates.

There are many examples of the United States not being satisfied only to dictate and (?direct) and of resorting, in a cowardly and inadmissible way, to various means, such as [restricting] trade and [withholding] economic aid and so on in order to impose the political system of its liking on the nations of the world. For example, in recent developments concerning Poland, Reagan tore away a new (?black) veil from his face and shamelessly declared his (?annoyance) at the measures the legal government of Poland has taken to eliminate the crisis in its country and imposed an economic embargo on Poland.

The Reagan government has used the most notorious means, tools and pressures to try to prevent the Libyan Arab republic from continuing its anti-imperialist policy and to impose the type of policy of its liking on that country. The policy of pressure and (?intimidation) against free Angola in Africa on the one hand, and on Cuba, Nicaragua and El Salvador in Central America on the other, are all indicative of the policy of force and pressure of the United States which has been condemned throughout the world and by international bodies. The U.S. policy of force and pressure is an obvious example of the (?expansionist) policy of the United States on the world level. This hegemonist policy is the manifestation of the desires and work of Mr Reagan and company in the U.S. administration and it is not directed only at the fate of a fixed country and nation but also against the people of all continents in the world.

No type of intrigue and conspiracy, no kind of intention and allegation and slanderous propaganda of U.S. imperialism and all reactionary forces in the world and the Beijing hegemonists who, from the beginning of the victory of the national democratic, anti-feudalist and anti-imperialist April Revolution, in particular its development stage, vainly placed obstacles on the path of the socioeconomic development of the country, and who gave instruction in creating training camps for counterrevolutionary mercenaries for use against Afghanistan in the territory of Pakistan -- which has been transformed into a springboard for aggression and military interference by international imperialism against our country -- and not the cries of Mr Reagan, this supporter of international terrorism, will turn the people of free, independent and nonaligned Afghanistan from the path they have chosen.